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Ms. Bonita Lavelle
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Re: Draft Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Vasquez Boulevard/I-70 Bioavailability of Arsenic in Site Soils Using Juvenile Swine as an Animal Model (September 1999).

Dear Ms. Lavelle:

The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (HMWMD) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) received the above-referenced document at close of business on September 15, 1999 with the accompanying request for an expedited review by our agency no later than September 17, 1999. It has always been our understanding that as a matter of professional courtesy a 30-day review period is considered optimal. On several occasions in the past at this site, CDPHE has performed an expedited review of documents to accommodate EPA's accelerated schedule. In this case, CDPHE regards less than 48-hour review time inadequate to conduct a meaningful review. CDPHE must inform you that it does not endorse the implementation of this study without thorough evaluation by our staff and therefore may not be able to support the results of this study for use in the Baseline Risk Assessment.

Our staff will begin review of the document and submit formal written comments to you no later than October 15, 1999. CDPHE is concerned that significant compromises in the outcome of this project may occur if the EPA continues to proceed without allowing CDPHE, other agencies and the public adequate time for thorough review and meaningful input to the various components of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 692-3395 if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

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State Project Manager

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